

## 40 Civic Indicators

Indicate your agreement with each of the statements below (0-5, 5=strongly agree)

<b>Connecting to civic and religious groups</b>	
1. I belong to at least one group.	
2. I attend club meetings regularly.	
3. I participate in community projects frequently.	
4. I attend church or other place of worship at least 9 times a year.	
5. I attend religious services at least on a monthly basis.	
<b>Trusting other people</b>	
6. I believe people are honest.	
7. I trust other people.	
8. I believe people are helpful.	
<b>Connecting to others through family and friends</b>	
9. I eat with my family at least once daily.	
10. I frequently visit friends.	
11. I chat or communicate online often.	
<b>Giving and Volunteering</b>	
12. I make significant charitable contributions.	
13. I have been involved in meaningful volunteer work in the past 12 months.	
14. I have volunteered through an organization in the last 12 months.	
15. I have volunteered through a school or youth organization in the last 12 months.	
<b>Staying Informed</b>	
16. I follow public affairs.	
17. I read the newspaper every day.	
18. I read the newspaper at least twice a week.	
19. I have read weblogs 9 or more times in the past year.	
<b>Understanding Civics and Politics</b>	
20. I can understand the workings of politics and government.	
21. I can identify which political party is more conservative.	
22. I know the names of my congressmen.	
23. I have a good understanding of the historical foundations of this country.	
<b>Participation in Politics</b>	
24. I vote in presidential election years.	
25. I vote in off-year elections.	
26. I attend political meetings.	
27. I make donations to political organizations.	
28. I have been contacted about a political campaign.	
<b>Trusting and Feeling Connected to Major Institutions</b>	
29. My vote matters.	
30. People like me have a say in government.	
31. The government is right most of the time.	
32. Government benefits everyday people.	
33. The government is efficient and generally doesn't waste things.	
34. Most government officials are honest and worthy of trust.	
35. I trust the institutions in my community.	
36. I trust the media to tell the truth.	
<b>Expressing Political Views</b>	
37. I have written a letter to the editor.	
38. I have given a public speech.	
39. I have tried to persuade others about an election.	
40. I have displayed a button, sticker, or yard sign for a political candidate.	
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	

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